

Amendments to the Claims:**Listing of Claims:****1. (currently amended) A cutting device comprising:**

a cutting wheel;

a handle having a finger stop structure, a top surface adapted to engage a longitudinally extended index finger of a user, and having a first and second end; and

a neck portion coupled to the cutting wheel ~~and handle,~~ arcuately extending from the first end of the handle, and wherein the neck portion has a length greater than or equal to the diameter of the cutting wheel.

2. (original)The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the finger stop structure is made of rubber.

3. (original) The cutting device of claim 2 wherein the finger stop structure is an elongated pad extending along a top surface of the handle.

4. (original) The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the ratio of the handle to a diameter of the cutting wheel is approximately 3 to 1.

5. (original) The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the neck portion has an arcuate shape.

6. (original)The cutting device of claim 1 wherein a length of the handle is between 4.5 to 7 inches.

7. (original)The cutting device of claim 6 wherein the length is between approximately 5 to 6.5 inches.

8. (original)The cutting device of claim 6 wherein the length is approximately 6 inches.

9. (original) The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the cutting wheel is approximately 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

10. (original)The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the handle is formed of one of the group consisting of plastic, wood, and metal.

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12. (currently amended)A cutting device comprising:

a cutting wheel;

a handle made of a first material and having a top surface ~~along a first end;~~ adapted to engage a longitudinally extended index finger of a user;

a finger stop structure connected to the top surface along a first end, and positioned to confront the tip of the index finger, the finger stop structure made of a slip-resistant second material; and

a neck extending arcuately from the first end of the handle, wherein the length of the neck portion is greater than twice the diameter of the cutting wheel.

13. (original) The cutting device of claim 12 wherein the finger stop structure includes an elongated pad made of a slip-resistant material.

14. (original)The cutter of claim 12 wherein the cutting wheel is approximately 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

15. (original) The cutting device of claim 12 wherein the ratio of the combined length of the neck and the handle to the diameter of the cutting wheel is approximately 3 to 1.

16. (original) The cutting device of claim 15 wherein the diameter of the cutting wheel is approximately 2 to 3 inches.

17. (currently amended)-A method of eating a flat food item comprising the steps of:

providing a cutting device having a cutting wheel and a handle, ~~said the handle having a length of between 4.5 and 7 inches, and a finger stop, and said handle having a finger stop; the handle also having a first end and a top surface adapted to engage an index finger;~~

placing an index finger longitudinally along on the top surface with the tip of the index

finger engaging the finger stop;

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grasping the first end with a thumb and fingers;

rolling the cutting wheel across the flat food item to cut the food item.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the steps of grasping includes engaging on first side surface with the thumb and a second side surface with the middle finger.

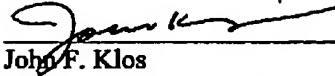
19. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of rolling includes maintaining the handle at an angle with respect to the flat food item.

20. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of rolling includes pushing downwardly on the finger stop with the tip of the index finger.

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